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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE PRESENCE IN VIENTIANE AREA

1. A LAO EMPLOYEE AND A FORMER LAO EMPLOYEE SEPARATELY
TOLD EMBOFF MAY 2 THAT A BATTALION OF VIETNAMESE
TROOPS WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN BASED IN A FORESTED
AREA NEAR SAM KHE PRISON HAS NOW ESTABLISHED A TENT
CAMP NEAR SAM KHE VILLAGE (TE 543918).

2. THE LAO EMPLOYEE ALSO SAID THAT VILLAGERS IN BAN
HOUA KHOUA (TE520885) (ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS WEST OF
VIENTIANE) WERE TOLD THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALARMED
BY THE APPEARANCE OF VIETNAMESE TROOPS SO NEAR THEIR
VILLAGE BECAUSE THE VIETNAMESE HAD COME MERELY TO
PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN AREAS WHERE THE LAO
CADRE WAS WEAK.

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3. THE LAO EMPLOYEE ALSO SAID THAT EMPLOYEES AT A
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE RUN WAREHOUSE-MOTOR POOL COMPLEX
AT KILOMETER 9 WERE SURVEYED DURING APRIL REGARDING
ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR WORK BY VIETNAMESE IN CIVILIAN
CLOTHES. MANY OF THE EMPLOYEES REPORTEDLY BELIEVE
THAT VIETNAMESE CADRE WILL SOON BEGIN WORKING ALONG
SIDE THEM, OR REPLACE THEM.

4. COMMENT: THE ABOVE SUGGESTS THAT THE LAO GOVERN-
MENT IS GRADUALLY ADMITTING TO THE LAO PEOPLE THE
IMPORTANT ROLE THAT THE VIETNAMESE PLAY IN LAOS.
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